



U Serve Utah

Utah Commission on Service & Volunteerism

The **purpose** of the Utah Commission on Service and Volunteerism is to enable individuals, communities and organizations in Utah to benefit from the service, power, skills, and passion of volunteers.

Our **mission** is to strengthen Utah communities through the power of service and volunteerism.

Our **vision** is vibrant, productive communities with active, engaged citizens.

Minutes

COMMISSION MEETING

January 16, 2014

2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

State Library, Room 219

ATTENDEES:

Commissioners

Dwight Rasmussen

Chris Bray

Kris Hamlet

Erica Dahl

Julie Fisher

Jeanne Hall

Melissa Miller Kincart

Jake Murakami

Annie o'Brien

Staff

LaDawn Stoddard

Don Willie

Katie Barlow

Pearl Wright

Ann Dent

Tracy Healey

Other

Jane Quist

2:00 PM WELCOME/GOVERNANCE

Dwight Rasmussen

Update on UCSV Move

We moved to the Rio Grande Depot. Staff are in the process of getting unpacked and settled. All phone numbers and addresses have changed. A new staff directory has been provided and can be found on our website. LaDawn's mobile number will be changing and is noted on the directory.

Mayors Day of National Recognition

This year the event will be on April 1st. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness for national service in local communities by having city mayors recognize individuals engaged in National Service in their community. Last year, eight mayors from Utah participated; this year the goal is to engage 20 mayors in Utah. Commissioners are invited to reach out to city mayors with an invitation to participate. Mayor Becker has already committed to participate in this event. Mayor McAdams will be inviting all mayors in Salt Lake County, but it would help if others made that ask as well. Mayors who wish to participate will register online. A list of all National Service sites listed by city is available for commissioners to assist in their outreach efforts and can be obtained by either Jake or LaDawn.

AmeriCorps Competitive Process

UCSV selected three programs for the national AmeriCorps funding competition for 14-15 program year, including Utah Conservation Corps and Read.Graduate.Succeed as continuations and The Utah Health Care Corps (formerly known as the AmeriCorps and the Medically Underserved in Utah) who will be new. Don is preparing application recommendations for national review. The Commission did not solicit new competitive grant RFP's for the 14-15 year. The next RFP process will be for formula applications, which will be due in late April.

Congressional Omnibus Bill

The House passed a bill that will roll back 5% plus sequestration cuts that all programs took last year in the 2013 appropriations process. We are seeing a restoration of about half of those dollars (around 2.5%). The bill will go to the Senate next for a vote. The number of dollars available remained the same but the amount of available funds was parceled out.

MLK Day of Service

An outline with information on grantees, award amounts, and service projects for MLK Day was distributed. Grants were reviewed and approved by a committee of commissioners. UCSV Staff will be participating in Weber State University's MLK Day projects next Thursday.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE NOVEMBER COMMISSIONER BOARD MEETING MINUTES BY CHRIS BRAY. SECONDED BY ANNE O'BRIEN. VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUS.

2:30 PM COMMITTEE BREAK-OUT

Subcommittees will wrap up the strategic planning process. Committee heads will lead a discussion formalizing goals and action plans for the committee strategies that support the mission of the Commission. Staff liaisons have prepared a draft document for each committee as a starting point.

- *Community Engagement* Room 219
- *National Service* Room 144
- *Disaster Preparedness* Room 242

3:30 PM COMMITTEE REPORT-OUT

Each committee to report on the discussion during the break-out session. LaDawn will then take information from each committee's discussion and form into a final draft of the strategic plan. Committees will convene to approve the document. At the next commission meeting, Commissioners will review and vote on the complete, finalized draft strategic plan. Staff will meet for a retreat at the end of January to fill in details of the action plans and will include that information in the next commission meeting.

Community Engagement

Chris Bray

Committee approved of the strategies put forth with a focus on community alignment.

National Service

Dwight Rasmussen

No significant changes to the proposed outline prepared by Don Willie. Discussion centered around when it is appropriate to refer to AmeriCorps versus National Service.

Disaster Preparedness

Kris Hamlet

Some minor wordsmithing was performed on the outline prepared, but no major changes were made. Discussion around how we deal with spontaneous volunteers and our role in disaster management.

3:45 PM WRAP-UP

Commission 20th Anniversary

This year the Commission is celebrating its 20 year anniversary which is also the AmeriCorps 20th anniversary,. A plan is being developed for activities throughout the year to commemorate this anniversary. Mayor's Day of National Recognition will be included as an anniversary event. UCSV has submitted a request to have Governor Herbert acknowledge the 20th year anniversary of the Commission and to sign a declaration for 2014 to be a Year of Service for the State of Utah. Each quarter, an activity may occur around one of the AmeriCorps focus areas to celebrate and generate awareness All plans and events for the anniversary will be finalized by the end of January. On September 12, President Obama will lead an AmeriCorps Swearing-In Ceremony with AmeriCorps members across the nation. Utah AmeriCorps programs will participate in this event and the Commission will be coordinating a member gathering around this event. . To wrap the anniversary up, UCSV will coordinate a week of service for Utah in conjunction with United Way Day of Caring and 9/11 National Day of Service.

MOTION TO ADJOURN COMMISSIONER BOARD MEETING BY JEANNE HALL. SECONDED BY BILL CRIM . VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUS.

4:00 PM ADJOURN

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| • JAN 20 TH | MLK Day of Service |
| • JAN 21 ST -FEB 19 TH | GYSD Application Accepted |
| • MAR 20 TH | Next Commission Meeting |
| • APR 1 | MAYOR'S DAY OF RECOGNITION |
| • APR 30 TH | Next Formula Application Due Date |

Staff Follow-up

LaDawn will email all commissioners a list of which commissioners will be contacting which city mayors.

LaDawn will email the promotional one sheet for Mayor's Day of National Recognition to all commissioners.

LaDawn or Jake will email out a list of national service locations sorted by city to all commissioners.

LaDawn will merge information from each committee's discussion into a final draft of the strategic plan. A staff retreat will occur at the end of January to add detailed staff engagement with the plans.

Commissioner Follow-up

Julie Fisher will reach out to mayors over Kaysville, Fruit Heights, Layton and Farmington. Jeanne Hall will reach out to Roy and Ogden city Mayors. Erica will contact Murray, Sandy and Riverton mayors.

Sub-Committees will convene to approve the strategic plan draft prepared by LaDawn.